

National Judges' Selection Committee Meeting

March 19, 2025

Zoom

National Judges' Representative:	Olga Kutuzova
VP of Rhythmic Program:	Caroline Hunt
Athlete Representative:	Masha Krakovskaya
Replacement Athlete Representative:	Lily Avila

The new athlete representatives were welcomed to the meeting. Both Masha and Lily participated to learn how the committee works and to have Lily engaged in case of either Olga or Masha's recusal(s). For this season, Masha will not be judging the national JR/SR events. Olga recused herself.

The committee discussed and established criteria for the selection of judges for the 2025 national events: SR Classic, JR Classic x3, Elite Qualifier, USA Gymnastics Championships. All discussions assume the judge is unaffiliated except in the case of the JR Classic when an affiliated judge who meets the criteria can be assigned to a Zone other than the one in which she works.

Selection criteria, in the following order:

1. Current, certified Brevet judges for the new cycle
2. Certified Brevet judges in the last cycle, now awaiting the online FIG exam, with current DVP certification
3. Certified National judges in the last cycle with current DVP certification
4. Fully certified, current DVP judges who were also DVP certified last cycle

Motion to approve the criteria: Masha

Second: Caroline

Passed

Judges have been and will be contacted for their availability for the aforementioned events. Based on availability received for the Classic events, the NJSC used the criteria to assign the SR classic judges (8) and the working list of JR Classic judges (24).

SR Classic (with the final 2 assignment(s) pending the March 2025 PAGU Brevet exam):

1. Jayme Riggleman
2. Talia Shulga
3. Hitomi Silva
4. Nastia Kartseva
5. Olga Kutuzova
6. Ilana Finkleshtein

Motion to accept: Masha

Second: Caroline

Passed

April 2, 2025

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The following 2 judges are assigned to the SR Classic: Gulya Bulatov; Natalia Makrushina.

JR Classics criteria and assignments: Olga was recused:

1. Have a minimum of one current Brevet judge in each component of Difficulty
2. Have all judges either current Brevets or having passed the 2025 DVP exam

Western	Central	Eastern
Jayme, Talia Gulya, Begsi Delaney, Shirin Andrea, Ryakov	Catherine, TBD Kristina, Cindy Ilana, Dasha B Tyana, Marina	Jaga, Elena S Natalia M, Oksana I Natalia A, Nancy S Olga, Suzi

Motion: Masha

Second: Caroline

Passed

April 7, 2025

National Judges' Representative: Olga Kutuzova
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The NJSC celebrated the hard work and success of the newly-certified USA Brevet judges in the second Continental exam.

Olga joined the meeting following the discussion of the panel assignment for the SR Classic: all D positions will be for current Brevet judges. Olga was recused from the discussion of criteria for the Qualifier, building upon the criteria for the SR/JR Classic:

1. Current Brevets (unaffiliated)
2. National experience at a JR or SR Classic 2025
3. Needed position in the panel after distribution of Brevets

RGI and RGG (alphabetical)

1. Atanaskovic
2. Bulatov
3. Buzas
4. Chillingworth
5. Finkleshtein
6. Kutuzova
7. Lonergan
8. Makrushina
9. Marlowe
10. Riggleman
11. Savenkova
12. Shinohara, E
13. Shulga
14. Silva
15. Skloutovskaya
16. Trahtenberg
17. Yahkimovich
18. TBD

Motion: Masha
Second: Caroline
Pass

As National Judges' Representative, Olga will prepare a list by region and by level of certified judges in order to establish criteria for the DVP event assignments, with a goal of supporting DVP judge development balanced with experienced mentorship and regional representation.